

## 8 Oct 2012 Class Meeting Minutes

The 2012 Class Meeting was held on 8 October at the Fair Oaks Marriott Hotel in conjunction with the Washington, DC Mini Reunion. 270 Classmates were in attendance. EC Chairman Jim Hall called the meeting to order at 0745. He introduced Palmer McGrew thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the Class. He invited Palmer to say a few words and to introduce his committee. Palmer expressed his gratitude to the Class for their support and introduced his committee. He indicated that the efforts of Miller, Puscheck, Toftoy and Reynar were particularly noteworthy.

### Treasurer's Report

In Bauer's absence, Raymond presented the Treasurer's Report. According to data provided by Bauer, as of September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Class accounts had a balance of \$62,400.71. Raymond indicated that the \$21,000.00 increase from the last report is somewhat misleading as the increase was due largely to checking account funds received for the DC Mini.

### Perpetual Endowment Fund

Hall indicated that Russell G. Robertson, Treasurer of the Class of 1958 Endowment Fund, provided data indicating that the current value of the fund is \$644,783. This value reflects a \$10,000 increase from the beginning of the year, even though \$75,000 was taken from the fund to support the First Class Club upgrade. Since the inception of the fund, there has been a paper profit of \$214,603.

### First Class Club

Bradshaw expressed his gratitude to the Class in support of the fund drive to pay for the recently completed upgrade of the First Class Club. He stated that 229 of the 410 living Classmates donated. He also took the opportunity to thank Dale Hruby and Tony Smith for their outstanding efforts in shepherding the project to completion.

Smith reported that the expansion of the FCC is complete and that, while he has not seen the completed project, from all reports the results are outstanding. He acknowledged the considerable support from West Point, in particular from the Director of Public works and the Director of Cadet Activities. He stated that while we were not successful in having the Class Crest included in the epoxy floor, the Contractor, on this own, had the Crest mounted on the wall. There will be "Grand Opening" at a date yet to be determined. Smith indicated he will keep the Class advised.

### Class Data Base

Ruud stated that the effort to update the Class data base is an ongoing project. The success of this project will hinge largely on the individual efforts of each Classmate. In view of the fact that there will be no "Yearbook" for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, it is important that Classmates take the effort to upgrade their personal files. The data are maintained by West Point.Org.

### Upcoming Reunion Reports

2013 – Roosma reported that planning for the 55<sup>th</sup> is well underway. It will be held at the Marriott Park Ridge, New Jersey. Registration will begin on 18 May 2013. This year, West Point AOG will handle the reunion.

Classmates should have received snail mail notification of hotel registration procedures. Further detailed guidance will be provided as regards reunion activities. Roosma mentioned that there will be one “old New York” walking tour and that the memorial service will be held at the Catholic Chapel.

2014 – Jim Hall introduced Gerry Cook as the host of the 2014 mini-reunion to be held at the Island House Hotel in Orange Beach, Alabama in October of 2014. Gerry provided information about the status of planning and distributed a questionnaire to solicit the reunion interests of Classmates.

General Guidance – Hall took the opportunity to obtain feedback from the Class regarding guidance that the EC might provide to future mini-reunion sponsors. It was the apparent consensus from those present that (1) extracurricular structured activities i.e. tours should be limited, (2) and that bands are no longer an important aspect of the banquets. It was agreed that a collection of appropriate “Oldie” songs from the 50’s would be compiled to be played during banquet periods at future Minis.

### **Social Activities**

Hall announced that Joe Luman’s tour of duty as the Social Chairman is complete and thanked him for his outstanding contributions arranging Class Luncheons in the Washington area and coordinating with the hosts of minis regarding previous Lessons Learned. Andreson was introduced as head of the Nominating Committee and stated he had one “outstanding volunteer” – Jack Gordon. Accordingly, he placed his name in nomination. The nomination was approved by acclamation.

### **Wounded Warrior Mentor Report**

Lee Miller provided an update on the Class’ Wounded Warrior Mentor Program. He pointed out that this is a Class effort, not to be confused with the Wounded Warrior Project—a national effort. Our Class program has a budget of about \$3,000 and has proven very successful. Miller invited those who care to do so, to donate to this program by sending a check to George Lawton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.